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For : **MULTI-LAYER PAPER PEELABLE INTO AT LEAST TWO
TISSUE SHEETS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Specification

On page 56, change the section heading at line 21 from "Comparative Example 2" to --Comparative Example 6--.

On page 64, replace the paragraph starting at line 9 with the replacement paragraph in clean form provided in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. A marked-up version of the paragraph, with deleted matter in brackets and with added matter underlined, is provided in **Exhibit B** attached hereto.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5, 6, 13-18, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 36 and 38-40, as marked-up in **Exhibit C** attached hereto, by deleting the bracketed material and inserting the underlined material. Please add new claims 44-226. A clean copy of claims 5, 6, 13-18, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 36 and 38-40 as amended and new claims 44-226 is attached as **Exhibit D**.